

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 17979

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV BQG AKB GW PL  
SUBJECT: PROSECUTION OF HIJACKERS IN BERLIN

REFS: (A) STATE 243383; (B) BONN 17701; (C) USBER 2284

1. THE AMBASSADOR MET TODAY AT FOREIGN OFFICE WITH  
STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL, AMBASSADOR BRUNET (FRANCE) AND  
AMBASSADOR WRIGHT (UK) TO DELIVER US RATIONALE FOR  
OUR DECISION TO PROSECUTE THE HIJACKERS. PRESENTATION  
WAS PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS REF (A).

2. REACTION WAS LOW KEY. VAN WELL, BRUNET, AND WRIGHT  
JOINED IN WELCOMING THE DECISION AND OFFERING WHATEVER  
ASSISTANCE AND BACKING THEY ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE. WRIGHT  
ACKNOWLEDGED US DIFFICULTIES IN PROSECUTING THIS CASE  
BUT STATED THAT HE FELT THAT OURS WAS NONETHELESS THE  
BEST DECISION. VAN WELL STATED THAT HE FELT FRG PUBLIC  
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WOULD REACT FAVORABLY AND THAT FRG PUBLIC STATEMENTS  
WOULD BE DESIGNED TO SHOW THEIR ACCORD WITH OUR  
DECISION. THEY ALL EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BEING KEPT  
INFORMED OF OUR PROGRESS WITH THE PROSECUTION.

3. THE FRG REPS HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT OUR PLANS FOR  
PRESS STATEMENTS. REQUEST DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON

SUGGESTIONS IN REFS (B) AND (C).

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